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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, BC

SUBJECT: BOT-ZAM ROAD

REFS: A) GABORONE 741; B) STATE 66483

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1. REFTELS CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION LEAVING IT UNCLEAR

WHO IS TO DO WHAT NEXT.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY TO PRESIDENT KHAMA'S DEMARCHE BY  
SAYING (A) THAT US UNDERSTANDS GOB DESIRE TO PROCEED ASAP  
WITH EDF FUNDING OF BOT-ZAM ROAD; (B) THAT US WILL FINANCE

DESIGN AND SUPERVISORY COSTS WITH FY 77 GRANT FUNDS (DETAILS BY SEPTEL); AND (C) THAT US SEEKS NOW IN COOPERATION WITH GOB REPROGRAM APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION OF FY1977 FUNDS AVAILABLE. WITH REGARD (C), USE OF THESE FUNDS TO FINANCE STANDBY RAILWAY EQUIPMENT PRESENTS SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES BUT REMAINS UNDER STUDY FOR POSSIBLE FY1978 ACTIVITY. FYI: OUR STUDY WILL INCLUDE SURVEY OF OTHER POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR RAILWAY EQUIPMENT, BOTH US PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. END FYI. DEPT PREFERENCE IS TO USE FY1977 FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH REFUGEE PROBLEM IN BOTSWANA. YOUR PREVIOUS CABLES HAVE OUTLINED VARIOUS URGENT NEEDS OF GOB, WHICH WILL ALSO BE COVERED BY FARAH REPORT. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE A

LISTING IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH GOB, OF PROJECTS THAT CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITH AID FY 77 FUNDS. GOB SHOULD BE APPRISED OF DEPT PREFERENCE. LIST SHOULD INCLUDE ESTIMATE OF COST AS WELL AS ESTIMATE OF TIME TO COMPLETE PROJECT.

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